**Before Reading:**

1. Brainstorm words you already know that are related to the topic of the text. Write them in the alpha boxes.

**During Reading:**

1. Read the text to yourself. As you read, continue to fill in and add unfamiliar words you read (work independently).
2. Circle or highlight those words you see in the text that you already had in the boxes.

**After Reading:**

1. After reading the text, share and discuss your alpha boxes with the group (collaborative engagement). Feel free to add words in the boxes that you get from others in your group…make sure you understand the words as you add them.